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Hate crimes against Christians and Christianity in Poland in 2025

Incident no.	Date of incident	Country, location	Source	Incident description: When, where, and how did the incident happen?	Bias Indicators: Why is this a hate incident?	Additional information, comments
1	On the night of January 5 to 6, 2025.	Chociwel, Poland	From the Facebook site of the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Chociwel. Source: https://www.facebook.com/MBBolesnejChociwel/posts/pfbid02PL4rE8nqn8HAAxFqYVq8rUU6pyiKCHw8LkTwoYySfhCy6tH7JeBN2ih36Vf3aHjxl	On the night of January 5-6, a statue of the Virgin Mary, which was located at the intersection of Armii Krajowej and Kołat Streets since 1991, was destroyed. This act of vandalism was reported to the police. The parish asked anyone with information about these events to come forward. The parish announced that a new statue of the Immaculate Mother of God would be erected in place of the destroyed one.	The desecration of the statue which represents the Virgin Mary, who as the mother of Jesus Christ is particularly revered by Catholics is an expression of hate.	The act of vandalism caused distress among the faithful.
2	12 January, 2025	Kunice, Lower Silesia voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/uchwala-kradziez-wyniosl-skarbone-z-kaplicy-7113785071811328a	On Sunday morning, January 12, the Duty Officer of the Legnica Police Station was notified of a burglary at a chapel in one of the villages in the Kunice municipality. Officers immediately went to the place. As they determined, the perpetrator, after breaking a stained glass window, got inside and stole a collections box with money. It contained cash in the amount of no less than a thousand zlotys. Despite no witnesses to the incident or CCTV in the vicinity, the investigators managed to find the perpetrator. The 30-year-old man was arrested and taken into police custody. Unfortunately, he had already managed to dispose of the box and spend the stolen money.	The chapel is a place of prayer and worship, of special importance to Catholics.	The perpetrator faces up to 10 years in prison.
3	On the night of January 14-15, 2025	Tychy-Cielmice, Poland	From the media. Source: https://slaskie.eska.pl/akt-wandalizmu-na-tyskim-cmentarzu-ktos-roztrzaskal-figure-jezusa-i-zniszczyl-krzyz-aa-n9Dy-K4E8-DStf.html	The incident took place at the cemetery of the Parish of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist in Tychy-Cielmice. Unknown perpetrators desecrated an oak cross. They tried to cut it down – marks from an axe can be seen about a meter above the ground. The vandals also destroyed the figure of Jesus hanging on the cross. They sawed off the hands from the body and smashed the body on the ground. Broken pieces of the statue were scattered around the cross.	The profanation caused a huge distress among the local community. On Sunday, January 19, 2025, during every Mass in the parish, prayers were said for the conversion of the perpetrators and in reparation for the profanation.	The local police took up the case. The Cielmice Neighborhood Council issued a public appeal to witnesses for help in identifying the perpetrator.

4	January 18, 2025	Sieradz, Poland	From the media. Source: https://lodz.tvp.pl/84625864/napad-na-ksiedza-w-lodzkiem-nie-pierwszy-w-tej-parafii	On Saturday, January 18, 2025, during a pastoral visit, a priest from the parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was brutally attacked by an unknown assailant. At the time of the attack, the priest was accompanied by a young altar boy. According to a statement from the parish, the priest was physically and verbally assaulted. The perpetrator also caused damage to the priest's vestments.	The perpetrator attacked the clergyman while he was visiting parishioners as part of his annual Christmas visitations.	The parish priest, Miroslaw Milek, emphasized that this was not the first such incident in this parish.
5	18 January, 2025	Czarna, Subcarpathian Voivodeship, Poland	From the social media. Source: https://www.wprost.pl/kraj/11931474/czarna-nieznani-sprawcy-okradli-kosciol-policja-jest-bezradna.html	On January 18, on Saturday evening or night, after all Masses scheduled for that day had been celebrated, unknown perpetrators entered the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Czarna, breaking all the locks. They stole "the Mass chalice used on Sundays and feast days, a deep paten for the feast set, and a box for communicants," i.e. the hosts consecrated during Mass.	Liturgical items are very important in Catholic practices. They play an important role during Mass.	The Debica District Police Station relayed that police officers in Czarna are still investigating the theft there. However, more than three weeks after the burglary, they have not been able to track down the perpetrators. They collected evidence and interviewed residents. To little avail, however.
6	January 23, 2025	Gowidlino, Poland	From the media. Source: https://expresskaszubski.pl/pl/473_na-sygnale/63509_gowidlino-policja-szuka-sprawcow-wlamania-do-plebanii.html	While the priest was visiting parishioners as part of his pastoral visits, unknown perpetrators broke into the rectory in Gowidlin and stole cash. After the incident was reported to the police, officers took steps to identify and apprehend the perpetrator.	Christian parishes rely on donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds threatens the parishes' ability to function. It also undermines residents' sense of security.	The police are gathering information that may help them apprehend the perpetrators.
7	24 January, 2025	Gdansk, Pomeranian voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.trojmiasto.pl/wiadomosci/Zlodzieje-okradli-kosciol-na-Matarni-n198515.html	On Friday, January 24, at a church in St. Valentine's parish in Matarnia (Gdansk), burglars broke into one of the rooms and stole money and other objects. The parish's pastor estimated the losses at about 20,000 zlotys. Police officers are working to find the perpetrators.	Catholic parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of such a significant amount of money could jeopardize the operation of a parish.	Police officers have taken a crime notice and questioned a witness. CCTV footage was also secured.
8	January 24, 2025	Krapkowice, Poland	From an official police statement. Source: https://krapkowice.policja.gov.pl/okr/kpp-krapkowice/aktualnosci/136933,Zaklocil-obrzadek-aktualnego.html	During Friday Mass in one of the churches in Krapkowice, a 37-year-old man entered the church and disrupted the religious ceremony. The perpetrator first made his way to the altar, where he lit a cigarette and began shouting. He was then escorted out of the church.	Holy Mass is, in essence, a bloodless renewal of the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on the cross. Disrupting its course is disrupting the most sacred religious practice of Catholics.	The perpetrator was arrested by the police. He was charged with offending religious feelings and disrupting a religious ceremony. The man pleaded guilty.
9	26 January, 2025	Rabka-Zdrój, Lesser Poland Voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.mjakmalopolska.pl/artykul/4975,zlodzieje-okradli-szopke-w-parafii-sw-marii-magdaleny-w-rabce-zdroju	On Sunday, January 26, in the parish of St. Mary Magdalene in Rabka-Zdroj, the nativity scene inside the church was robbed of a new angel that served as a treasury. The contents of the treasury were also stolen. As parish pastor Rev. Canon Piotr Iwanek stated: "this sad incident affected us all the more because the funds collected in the treasury were intended to support the activities of the Daughters of Charity, who buy food for the soup kitchens for the poor with the money collected."	Catholics in their parishes often conduct numerous charitable activities, including collections for the needy. Theft of funds harms these initiatives.	The parish's pastor, Canon Father Piotr Iwanek, appealed for the return of the stolen items.

10	29 January, 2025	Itawa, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.wprost.pl/zycie/11919432/koleda-2025-mieszkaniec-ilawy-zaatakowal-ksiedza-policja-komentuje	On Wednesday, January 29, during pastoral visit on Grunwaldzka Street in Itawa, a priest was attacked. The priest was insulted and pulled by his cassock.	The perpetrator attacked the clergyman during pastoral visit, which is a part of Christmas time traditions of the Catholics.	According to the parishioners the priest was visibly disturbed by the attack.
11	Between January 31 and February 3, 2025.	Dydnia, Poland	From the media. Source: https://korsosanockie.pl/wiadomosci/skandal-w-dydni-profanacja-zabytkowego-obrazu-swietego-michala-archaniola/6TBAqz4HTsSo0WZYwaKP	In Dydnia, a historic painting of St. Michael the Archangel was desecrated, when it was exhibited in the Municipal Cultural Center. The saint's face was covered with yellow and dark brown paint.	St. Michael the Archangel is a very important Catholic saint, who is venerated through the image on the painting. The destroyed painting was about 120 years old and had never before been subjected to such treatment.	The prosecutor's office has launched an investigation into the vandalism of a painting listed in the register of monuments.
12	1 February, 2025	Jarocin, Greater Poland voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://jarocinska.pl/wiadomosci/wlamal-sie-dokosciola-w-jarocinie-skradl-pieniadze-po-kilku-godzinach-sprawca-wpadl-w-rece-policji/hfodakuRAOv1RSAnHq4F	Police reported that a 42-year-old resident of the Krotoszyn district broke into the Church of the King in Jarocin on February 1, under cover of darkness. The man, after breaking down the side door, got inside the religious building, and then stole a collections box set up by the manger, along with the contents of about PLN 30. The burglar was very quickly apprehended and taken to Jarocin police headquarters. Police officers also recovered some of the stolen property.	This was an assault on a place which Catholics treat with utmost respect. It serves as a place of worship, and Holy Masses and other services are held there.	The perpetrator will answer for his crime in court. He faces a penalty of up to 5 years' imprisonment.
13	On the night of February 5 to 6, 2025	Kupiski, Gmina Łomża, Poland	From the media. Source: https://tvn24.pl/bialystok/nowe-kupiski-zniszczyl-pretem-figure-matki-boskiej-przy-kosciele-powiedzial-ze-chcial-sprawdzic-jej-jakosc-st8305514	On the night of February 5–6, 2025, a 32-year-old man vandalized a statue of the Virgin Mary located in front of St. Hedwig of Silesia Parish Church in Kupiski. The incident was reported to the police, who identified the perpetrator.	The perpetrator vandalized a statue of the Mother of God, who is venerated by Catholics as the Mother of God and the greatest saint of the Church through her statues.	A defaced statue of the Mother of God was erected in front of the church to mark the parish's 30th anniversary.
14	6 February, 2025	Krosno, Subcarpathian voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://korsosanockie.pl/wiadomosci/wtargnal-dokosciola-i-zniszczyl-ksiege-liturgiczna-kolejny-akt-wandalizmu-w-swiatyni/djqTOEl2V8pljTaXCM2	An act of vandalism at a place of religious worship has occurred again in Krosno. On Thursday, February 6, before 5 pm, a man forced his way into the Holy Trinity Collegiate Basilica and damaged a liturgical book. After tearing a page from the precious collection, he moved away, but police quickly established his identity. The 26-year-old Krosno man was detained and heard charges of disturbing a religious rite and offending religious feelings. Under Polish law, he faces a fine, restriction of liberty or up to two years' imprisonment.	This case sparked outrage among the faithful and concern for the safety of the parish. The perpetrator intended to insult the faith of Christians.	This is not the first case of devastation of a shrine in Krosno in recent months. Just before Christmas, an act of vandalism also occurred at the Shrine of St. John Paul II.

15	8 February, 2025	Skórcz, Pomeranian voivodship, Poland	From a post published on the parish's Facebook profile. Source: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BkYDGjZJF/	On Saturday, February 8, during evening Mass, unknown perpetrators broke into the rectory at All Saints parish in Skórcz, causing substantial damage to the property and robbing the parish.	The burglary of the parish rectory is very painful for the parishioners and causes concern for safety - especially since the burglary took place during Mass.	This is another burglary of this type in the region of Pomerania. In late January, thieves robbed priests in Gowidlin near Sierakowice. Losses were estimated at 20 thousand zlotys. There were also similar cases in Gdynia-Oksywie and Gdansk-Matarnia. The thieves have so far not been apprehended.
16	No later than February 11, 2025	Church in Pietraszyn near Racibórz, Poland	From the profile of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Krzanowice. Source: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DNTb2ehSV/	The parish of St. Wenceslas in Krzanowice reported a break-in at the church in Pietraszyn, during which the perpetrator stole a cross from the church.	The theft of the cross, which is a fundamental symbol for Christians constitutes an assault on their faith, freedom and wellbeing. The cross commemorates the martyrdom of Jesus Christ on the cross, who died for the salvation of all people.	The parish asked the faithful for help in finding and recovering of the cross.
17	February 11, 2025	Gdańsk, Poland	From the police. Source: https://policja.pl/pol/aktualnosci/256659,Chcial-ukrasc-pieniadze-ze-skarbony.html#:~:text=Chcia%C5%82%20ukra%C5%9B%C4%87%20pieni%C4%85dz e%20ze%20skarbony	Gdańsk police officers arrested a 19-year-old man who attempted to steal money from a church located in Gdańsk's Śródmieście district. The perpetrator destroyed a historic wooden money box, but was unable to break the metal security device inside. The man has been charged and will face attempted burglary and damage to a historic monument. The perpetrator faces up to 10 years in prison.	The perpetrator destroyed property which was a historical monument and attempted to commit theft in a place of worship, which constitutes both the assault on the property and on the faith of the Christians.	The man most likely did not know that there was cameras in the church, which had recorded his presence there a few days earlier. It quickly became apparent that the burglar had been in the church on Saturday and had been looking at the collection box. The 19-year-old, who has no permanent place of residence, was taken to the police station, and the items secured at the scene, including screwdrivers, pliers, a knife, and a wedge, will now serve as incriminating evidence in the case.
18	13 February, 2025	Kłobuck, Poland	From the media. Source: https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/kl-obuck-wstrzasniety-po-morderstwie-mieszkancomowia-o-bylym-policjancie-7125190341266240a	The 59-year-old priest, father Grzegorz was brutally murdered in the presbytery of the parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Kłobuck in the Silesian Voivodship. The assailant overpowered, bound and killed the clergyman in the basement of the presbytery.	According to the police, this crime specifically targeted a Catholic priest, indicating religious hatred as motive.	The murderer was sentenced to 20 years in prison. The verdict is not yet final.

19	14 February, 2025	Zielona Góra, Lubuskie Province, Poland	From the media. Source: https://poscigi.pl/bulwersuj-aca-kradziez-w-kosciele-w-centrum-zielonej-gory-sprawca-to-recydywista-z-nowej-soli/	According to police, on Friday, February 14, a 56-year-old man, pretending to pray, approached the offertory box where worshippers were depositing money intended for parish expenses. The man used a pick to open the lock and then took more than 200 zlotys. When the perpetrator tried to leave with the loot, he was caught by a churchgoer who noticed the theft. Police were summoned to the scene and detained the suspect.	Since Catholic parishes are predominantly funded by donations from the faithful, the stealing of donations is a huge threat to the operation of parishes.	The detainee is a 56-year-old resident of Nowa Sol, known to the police and with multiple prior citations for similar crimes. - "After checking, it turned out that the man had recently been presented with charges and had a criminal record for burglary, so this time, apprehended in the act of committing the same crime, he heard the charges in a multi-crime," says Ms. Stanislawska the Police sub-inspector.
20	On the night of February 14-15, 2025	Bydgoszcz, Poland	From the website of the Diocese of Bydgoszcz. Source: https://diecezja.bydgoszcz.pl/2025/02/15/sprofanowan-o-i-zniszczono-figure-matki-bozej/	In Bydgoszcz, a statue of the Virgin Mary located on the grounds of St. Nicholas Parish in Stary Fordon was desecrated and destroyed. The act of vandalism, which took place between Friday and Saturday on Wyzwolenia Street, was reported to the police.	The desecration and destruction of a statue of the Virgin Mary constitutes a severe assault on the faith and practices of Catholics, since she is particularly revered in Catholicism as the mother of Jesus Christ.	On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, during the Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, participants prayed for the conversion and the return to reason of the perpetrators.
21	February 18, 2025	Toruń, Poland	From a statement by the Toruń Municipal Police Headquarters. Source: https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2173884129735582	On February 18, a man broke into a donation box located in the Church of Divine Mercy and St. Faustina Kowalska in Toruń and committed theft.	This is an assault on the ability to continue operating as Catholic parishes are mainly supported by donations from the faithful.	The same man also stole parish donations from the same parish on March 12, 2025.
22	19 February, 2025	Ślupia Kapitulna, Greater Poland voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://rawicz24.pl/wiadomosci/kradziez-na-plebanii-w-slupi-kapitulnej-straty-siegaja-minimum-3000-zl/MVXNUH2fsiv3oRt3ToCo	On February 19, between 5:20 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., an unknown perpetrator broke a window pane in the window of the parish rectory in Ślupia Kapitulna, then entered the room and stole a cash box containing no less than PLN 3,000.	As Catholic parishes are maintained largely by donations from the faithful, such theft of parish funds constitutes an assault on the parish ability to operate and destroys the sense of security of the faithful.	Police are trying to determine the identity of the thief. In view of the situation, officers are appealing to residents to be cautious.
23	20 February, 2025	Lodz, Lodz voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://dzienniklodzki.pl/zuchwala-kradziez-w-kosciele-przy-al-smiglego-rydza-w-lodzi-zlodziej-okradl-ksiedza/ar/c1p2-27323459	On February 20, on the premises of the Parish on Rydza Smigłego Street in Lodz, a young man stole a bag with a wallet containing cash. Police officers are looking for the perpetrator. He was described as a man aged 25-35, of slim build, wearing a black quilted jacket with a hood, light-colored jeans pants, black shoes with a white sole, and a white cap.	The priest enjoys special respect from the Christian faithful. Any crime against a clergyman causes outrage and sorrow among the parishioners and undermines their sense of security.	Anyone who may be able to help identify the perpetrator or who has relevant information on the case is asked to contact the local police.

24	March 9, 2025	Człuchów, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.zawszepomorze.pl/artukul/18510,czuchow-przyszedl-do-kosciola-namsze-by-ukrasc-pieniadze-z-tacy	A 41-year-old man attempted to steal money from the collection basket during Sunday Mass. He was stopped by the assistant priest and one of the parishioners, and then taken into custody by police officers.	Christian parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds threatens the very existence of the parish. It also undermines the faithful's sense of security.	The would-be thief attempted to steal money during Mass.
25	March 12, 2025	Toruń, Poland	From a statement by the Toruń Municipal Police Headquarters. Source: https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2173884129735582	On March 12, a man broke into a donations box located in the Church of Divine Mercy and St. Faustina Kowalska in Toruń and stole money from it.	This is an assault on the ability of the parish to operate as Catholic parishes are supported by donations from the faithful.	The same man also stole money on February 18, 2025, in the same parish.
26	No later than March 17, 2025	Braniewo, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.portalbraniewo.pl/artukul/6884,zniszczony-krzyz-w-lapidarium-to-kolejna-dewastacja-tego-miejsc	At the municipal lapidarium in Braniewo, vandals have destroyed for the second time a cross that forms part of a memorial site linking gravestones from former Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish cemeteries.	The vandalization of the cross, which is the most important symbol of the Christian faith is an act of hatred and assault on the faith of Christians.	The mayor announced that he would take all necessary steps to hold the perpetrator accountable.
27	No later than March 21, 2025.	Studzionka, Pszczyna County, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.se.pl/slask/skandal-w-studzionce-200-letnia-kapliczka-zniszczona-przez-amatora-aa-7PVQ-ugsp-Z1LY.html	An unknown perpetrator damaged the over 200-year-old shrine of the Virgin Mary, defacing the image of Mary, in what looks like an attempt of "renovation". The act was illegal as the shrine is listed in the register of monuments and it resulted in a damage of the shrine. The Exegi Monumentum Foundation, which brought the matter to light, points out that the inscription on the pedestal was arbitrarily translated from the German "Es ist vollbracht!" ("It is finished!", "It has been fulfilled!") into "It has been done!"	Defacing the image of the Virgin Mary constitutes an assault on Catholics and their faith as she is revered as one of the most important figures in Catholicism. As the mother of Jesus Christ, she is held in special reverence and respect, especially in Poland.	The destruction of buildings listed in the register of monuments is a criminal offense in Poland.
28	25 march, 2025	Warsaw, Mazowieckie voivodeship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://warszawa.naszemias.to.pl/z-siekiera-zaatakowal-plebanie-uciek-na-widok-kiedza-grozny-incident-w-warszawie/ar/c1p2-27402841	On the morning of March 25, 2025, police officers working in the Praga-Północ district of Warsaw received a report that an unknown man had attempted to break down the door of the rectory of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Hedwig of Silesia in Pelcowizna with an axe. The perpetrator did not get inside the building because he was scared off by a priest.	The attempt to break down the door of the rectory with a lethal weapon is not only a physical attack on the Catholic parish, but also a terrorizing event causing deep concern among the clergy for their personal safety.	The police accepted the report and took action to establish the identity of the perpetrator.

29	Near 1 April, 2025	Radzewice, Greater Poland voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.gazeta-mosina.pl/2025/kradziej-w-kosciele-w-radzewicach/	As reported in an official post on the Rogalin Parish Facebook page, there has been another theft and burglary at the local church. The case has been reported to the police, who, the parish assures, "have accepted the report and are acting." The concerned residents expressed their outrage in comments saying that "Human meanness knows no bounds""Come to your senses: just before Christmas - shameful!" "Every year it repeats itself, only stronger and bolder they destroy what people have built."	This is a repeat-crime of theft in this parish, which not only undermines the sanctity of the parish but also greatly disrupts the daily functioning of the parish, threatening its ability to operate.	Despite the unpleasant experience, the parish is not losing its spirit. "Prayers for your repentance and conversion are already flowing," the message reads. - the communiqué reads.
30	3 April, 2025	Roadside shrine between Podlesie and Sławno, Radom, Mazowieckie Voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://twojradom.pl/profanacja-przyrodnej-figurki-miedzy-podlesiem-a-slawnem-nie-zostawimy-tego-bez-echa/1438882	On Thursday, April 3, 2025, a post appeared on Spotted Wolanów's Facebook profile informing of the destruction by unknown perpetrators of a roadside statue located between Podlesie and Sławno. According to the report, the perpetrators broke a plaster statue of the Virgin Mary, tore off the cross of Jesus and tore off his hands. In addition, the Lord Jesus' old pasque was destroyed, broken in half, and the face of the Virgin Mary pasted into the pedestal was also chipped. The vandalism also extended to the table in front of the statue, which was vandalized.	This assault and destruction of religious figures of Jesus Christ and the Mother of God are clear expression of hatred to what these figures represent and an assault on the veneration they enjoy in Poland. The destruction of her statue was a deliberate act by the perpetrator.	Residents have expressed their outrage in numerous comments under the post. Many are shocked and outraged by the act of vandalism.
31	On the night of April 6 to 7, 2025	Swobnica, Poland	From the media. Source: https://szczecin.tvp.pl/86040845/dewastacja-figury-sw-teresy-w-swobnicy-akt-wandalizmu-w-kosciele	During the night between Sunday and Monday, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the statue of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, located at the entrance to the church in Swobnica. The case has been reported to the police.	The assault on the statue is an assault on the veneration of the Catholic saint it represents.	The Salesians have asked anyone with information that could help apprehend the perpetrator of the vandalism to contact them
32	10 April, 2025	Gliwice, Silesian voivodship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://pch24.pl/prowokacja-w-gliwickim-kosciele-meczyczna-obrazal-wiernych-i-wtargnal-z-oltarz/	After the completion of the Mass at the Garrison Church of St. Barbara in Gliwice which celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Smolensk catastrophe, a young man with bloodied hands, splashing on the floor what looked like blood, rushed behind the altar and, according to witnesses, began hurling anti-Catholic invectives through the microphone. Participants in the Mass escorted the intruder out of the church, who assaulted them verbally and physically. Police arrived at the scene and placed handcuffs on the perpetrator.	The Mass is a reiteration in an unbloody manner of the same sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the Cross. The Catholic shrine itself is treated with special respect by the faithful.	The reports were also confirmed by the pastor of Gliwice's Garrison Parish, Rev. Lt. Col. Mariusz Antczak, during an interview with the niezalezna.pl portal. The hooligan was also said to have washed his bloodied hands in a stoup.
33	On the night of April 14-15, 2025	Pruszcz Gdański, Pomeranian voivodship, Poland	From the social media of Catholic priest Daniel Wachowiak. Source: https://x.com/DanielWachowiak/status/1912103267108106537?t=ZlQhh20Oa4zeeR0qYuj9EQ&s=19	On the night of April 14-15, 2025, a statue of the Virgin Mary was destroyed in a parish in Pruszcz Gdański. The case has been reported to the police.	This constitutes an assault on the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, who is held in special reverence by Catholics.	The event took place at the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is the most important liturgical period of the Catholic calendar and immediately precedes Resurrection Sunday,

34	15 April, 2025	Warsaw, Masovian Voivodeship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://informacje.wp.pl/warszawa-pozar-zabytkowej-dzwonnicy-na-kamionku-kto-to-zrobil-7146440422921857a	<p>On Tuesday, April 15, 2025, there was a fire in the historic wooden bell tower on the grounds of the Corpus Christi Parish at 365 Grochowska Street in Warsaw's Kamionek district. According to the fire department, the wooden structure, measuring 4x4 meters and 10 meters high, burned down. Five fire department deputies worked at the site. Fortunately, no one was hurt.</p> <p>The probable cause of the fire was arson by an unknown person.</p>	The suspected arson of the bell tower is an assault on an important piece of cultural heritage for Catholics.	The structure, 208 years old, was the oldest surviving wooden monument in Praga. The bell tower was built in 1817, and one of its bells dates back to 1722. It is currently listed in the register of historical monuments and is out of use.
35	15 April, 2025	Kcynia, kujawsko-pomorskie voivodeship, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.szubin24.pl/Ukradl_relikwiarz_z_kosciola_Jest_juz_w_rekach_policji,123238.html?v=p	<p>On Holy Tuesday, April 15, at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Kcynia, while parishioners were reciting the Liturgy of the Hours to their patron saint, someone broke the glass in a wooden box and stole the reliquary's brass cross. All that was left in place was an empty niche, broken glass and a stir among the faithful. The pastor immediately notified the police. They identified the suspect and rushed to the area. After less than two hours, they detained a 48-year-old resident of Kcynia. - The man admitted his guilt. He said he abandoned the reliquary near the church. It was recovered.</p>	The parish reported the theft in an emotional Facebook post. It recalled that the stolen relics came from Gargano, an Italian shrine where St. Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of the shrine, was said to have appeared. For many of the faithful, it is an object of unique veneration and deep reverence.	The offender faces up to 10 years in prison for the crime.
36	April 15, 2025	Kraków, Wzgórze Krzesławickie, Poland	From the media. Source: https://cowkrakowie.pl/2025/04/proboszcz-zlozyl-zawiadomienie-w-krakowie-wpadl-koscielny-zlodziej	<p>On April 15, a burglary took place in one of the parishes in the Krzesławice Hills in Krakow. At around 6 a.m., a middle-aged man, allegedly in a difficult financial situation and looking for employment, approached the local parish priest. The stranger spent a long time moving around the parish buildings, observing the buildings and cars.</p> <p>At one point, the parish priest noticed that the keys to the presbytery were missing, and later found them in a different place. When he went inside, he noticed that the parish money was missing.</p> <p>After reporting the matter to the police, the perpetrator was identified. He was a 32-year-old man. Criminal proceedings are pending in this case.</p>	Christian parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds threatens the functioning of the parish and undermines the sense of security of the faithful.	Since the perpetrator committed the crime as a repeat offender, he must expect a more severe punishment.
37	19 April, 2025	Łupowo, near Gorzów Wielkopolski, Lubuskie province, Poland	From the media. Source: https://newsclub.pl/interwencje/88205-wandal-zniszczyl-kosciol-gorzow-wielka-sobota-2025.html	<p>On Holy Saturday, April 19, an unknown perpetrator caused damage to the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Łupowo near Gorzów Wielkopolski. The word "thieves" was painted on the exterior facade of the historic church using green spray paint. Police are working to determine the perpetrator.</p>	<p>The perpetrator acted to insult and provoke the faithful. The incident took place on the eve of Resurrection Sunday.</p> <p>The devastation of the temple caused sorrow and pain among the faithful.</p>	We are humanly sorry. It hurts. It hurts all the more because it has affected a community that for years has cared for this church with the greatest care not for itself, but for everyone. For God. Although the walls can be soiled, faith-filled hearts cannot be destroyed. We pray for the perpetrators today as well, for mercy is greater than any harm," wrote the parish of St. Peter's. Holy Trinity in Gorzów Wielkopolski

38	On the night of April 23-24, 2025	Swoszowa, Szerzyny municipality, Poland	From the media. Source: https://tarnow.naszemiasto.pl/dewastacja-i-profanacja-dwoch-zabytkowych-kapliczek-w-swoszowej-jedna-z-nich-kilka-lat-temu-zostala-gruntownie-wyremontowana/ar/c1p2-27502879	In Swoszowa (Szerzyny municipality), two historic chapels dating back to the 19th century were vandalized. The perpetrator not only spray-painted the facades of the nearly 200-year-old buildings, but also destroyed a statue of St. John of Nepomuk located in one of the chapels.	The perpetrator damaged and desecrated a religious site that is important to Catholics.	If it hadn't been for the civic-mindedness of two young men who witnessed the incident, the perpetrator would not have been apprehended. Not only did they stop him from causing further damage, but they also called the police, who caught the man red-handed.
39	April 28, 2025	Oborniki, Poland	From the media. Source: https://codziennypoznan.pl/artykul/2025-05-04/wlamanie-do-kosciola-w-obornikach-24-latek-zatrzymany-za-kradziez-datkow-wiernych/	On Monday, April 28, 2025, there was a break-in at the Church of Divine Mercy in Oborniki. A 24-year-old man stole money from collection boxes intended for donations from the faithful. Thanks to the quick response of the police, the suspect, who was from outside the Oborniki district, was arrested the very next day.	This burglary constitutes an assault on the parish ability to operate as Christian parishes are largely supported by donations from lay believers.	The perpetrator faces imprisonment for burglary.
40	On the night of April 30 to May 1, 2025	Mielec, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.niedziela.pl/artykul/112348/Skandal-Wlamanie-kradziez-i-profanacja-kaplicy-w-dawnej-bursie	On the night of April 30 to May 1, there was a break-in and desecration of the chapel of St. Stanislaus Kostka, located in a former dormitory on Warszawska Street in Mielec. The perpetrators destroyed the altar cross, stole liturgical objects, and probably attempted to set fire to the building. The altar cross was destroyed and discarded in front of the chapel entrance. Among other items, a gilded monstrance, a brass gong, liturgical vestments, and a missal were stolen. A large amount of candle oil was spilled on the floor, which may indicate an attempted arson.	The assault was clearly performed with the intent of destruction of the chapel and items used in liturgy and it caused distress, pain, and sadness among the faithful. On May 13, 2025, a Holy Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Holy Spirit, followed by a city procession to make amends for the desecration.	The police detained two suspects aged 27 and 44, residents of Mielec. They were charged with burglary, theft of liturgical objects, and public desecration of religious objects.
41	May 4, 2025	Chełmce, Poland	From the media. Source: https://calisia.pl/kradziez-w-kosciele-w-chelmcach-policja-publikuje-nagranie,72140	On May 4, an unknown perpetrator stole sacred votive offerings from the wooden structure of the presbytery wall of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chełmce. A video recording from one of the cameras that captured the theft was published on the website of the Municipal Police Headquarters in Kalisz.	Sacred votive offerings are items donated to churches and shrines as an expression of gratitude for graces received, miracles, or for a specific prayerful intention. Their theft is a particularly painful blow to Catholics.	The perpetrator is wanted.
42	On the night of May 23 to 24	Tarnawa Dolna, Poland	From the media. Source: https://esanok.pl/2025/profanacja-zabytkowej-kapliczki-w-tarnawie-dolnej-policja-szuka-sprawcow-video-zdjecia.html	On the night of May 23-24, an act of desecration took place on the border between Tarnawa Dolna and Zagórz. Unknown perpetrators destroyed a Roman Catholic chapel of the Virgin Mary, which was over 150 years old. Flowers were scattered across the meadows, statues were smashed on the asphalt, and the holy image—recently restored by a local artist—was damaged by glass shards and an attempt to tear it out of the chapel.	The devastated chapel was an important place of worship for the local community. Numerous religious practices took place here. The chapel was also restored on the initiative of the residents.	The police are investigating the matter.
43	May 25, 2025	Stryków, Poland	From the media. Source: https://mojgierz.pl/20250528645003/agresywny-mezczyzna-zaklocil-msze-w-strykowie-i-trafil-do-aresztu-art-159	During Mass at the church in Stryków, a 39-year-old man under the influence of alcohol behaved aggressively towards the congregation. Despite pleas from the congregation to calm down, he continued to use offensive language and attempted to attack one of those present. The aggressive man was detained by the police. He was charged with assault and disturbing the peace during a religious service.	The perpetrator disrupted the Mass and assaulted the congregation. This undermines Christians' sense of security. The aggression during the most sacred liturgy is a clear sign of hatred.	Further escalation was prevented by the quick reaction of the faithful and the intervention of police officers.

44	No later than June 8, 2025	Rudy Raciborskie, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.niedziela.pl/artikul/113497/Profanacja-krzyza	Unknown perpetrators desecrated a cross by a forest road. The arms of the figure were sawed off, it was turned upside down, and trash was hung on the destroyed crucifix.	The residents have no doubt that this was a deliberate act of desecration. The perpetrators insulted the image of Jesus Christ. The turning of the cross upside-down is a clear sign of anti-Christian hatred.	The crucifix was also vandalized two years prior to the incident in June 2025.
45	June 8, 2025	Busko-Zdrój, Poland	From the media. Source: https://echo dnia.eu/swieto-krzyskie/wyniesli-z-kosciola-skarbonke-rozbili-w-krzakach-a-ze-srodka-ukradli-pieniadze/ar/c1p2-27719757	A 29-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman stole a collection box from a church. According to the District Police Headquarters in Bielsko-Zdrój, the man took the padlocked collection box with the parishioners' donations inside. The perpetrators then broke it open in nearby bushes and stole the money.	Catholic parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of funds threatens their functioning.	The police officers identified the suspects and arrested them.
46	Around June 14, 2025	Warsaw, Poland	From information provided by Catholic priest Daniel Wachowiak on the X website. Source: https://x.com/DanielWachowiak/status/1934676264272445611	During the LGBT parade in Warsaw in June 2025, unknown perpetrators created a mural profaning the image of Jesus Christ, describing him as a transsexual and presenting him in LGBT colors. Father Daniel Wachowiak was informed of this fact and shared the information on social media.	The profanation consists in creating an image of Christ identified with impurity and disorderly sexual behaviours as promoted by the LGBT movement. Catholicism is unequivocally critical of homosexual acts, considering them a sin of Sodom, as well as other impure sexual behaviours and lack of control over sexual drive. Transsexualism is also criticized for negating biological sex.	The blasphemous mural was removed a few days later by activists from Młodzież Wszechpolska (All-Polish Youth) – the largest nationalist-Catholic youth organization in Poland. https://x.com/MWszzechpolska/status/1935080685435273496
47	Around June 17, 2025	Rymanów Forest District, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.o2.pl/informacje/ktos-zniszczyl-figure-matki-boskiej-lesnicy-pokazali-zdjecie-7168676540865344a	The Rymanów Forest District, operating in the Podkarpackie Province, reported a disturbing incident of vandalism that took place in their forests. A photo published by the forest district clearly shows serious damage to a statue of the Virgin Mary—its head has been broken off.	The vandalized statue depicted the Virgin Mary, who, as the mother of Jesus Christ, is one of the most important figures in Catholicism. The act was an assault on the Blessed Virgin and on all Christians who venerate her.	The local community has cared for the chapel for many years.
48	June 19, 2025	Swarzędz, Poland	From an official police statement. Source: https://poznan.policja.gov.pl/w21/dzialania-policji/aktualnosci/dzialania-policji-1/267909,Ukradli-kosztownosci-z-kosciola-zostal-zatrzymany-przez-policjantow-z-narkotykami.html	A 26-year-old man broke a window in a display case at St. Joseph the Craftsman Church in Swarzędz and stole gold and silver chains offered there by worshippers. The total loss was estimated at around PLN 2,000.	The theft of the items is an assault on the act of worship comprising in offering votive gifts to God.	On August 23, 2025, police officers arrested the perpetrator in one of the casinos in Poznań. During the intervention, drugs were found on the man. The police recovered the stolen jewelry. It also turned out that the man was wanted on an arrest warrant to serve almost 1.5 years in prison for previous crimes (theft and drug possession).

49	June 19, 2025	Lubaczów, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.wprost.pl/kraj/12050359/lubaczow-profancja-w-katedrze-podczas-bozego-ciala-pijany-rzucil-butelka.html	During Mass at the cathedral in Lubaczów in the Podkarpackie Province, a 32-year-old man approached the altar and threw a bottle at the tabernacle. Father Paweł Derylak stood in his way, stopping the aggressor from other antique pieces of art and pushing him off the platform on which the altar stood. After the man was removed from the presbytery, he was detained by the faithful attending the service until the police arrived.	The event took place during the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ during Holy Mass, which is the most sacred liturgical celebration of the Church.	A video has been posted online showing the entire incident involving a drunk man. The surveillance camera also recorded the reaction of a priest who stood in the way of the attacker.
50	No later than June 21, 2025	Dobromierzyce, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.lublin112.pl/zdewastowano-zabytkowy-cmentarz-prawoslawnny-w-dobromierzycach-kilka-lat-temu-zostal-odnowiony-zdjecia-wideo	At the historic Orthodox cemetery in Dobromierzyce, unknown perpetrators vandalized approximately 14 gravestones—particularly those bearing Ukrainian and Russian inscriptions.	The assault on the religious symbols on the gravestones and destruction of the resting place of deceased Christians, buried according to the requirements of Christianity, is a clear evidence of anti-Christian motivation.	The matter was to be reported to the local police.
51	Around June 25, 2025	Suchodół, Masovian Province, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.przeglądpiasec.zynski.pl/artykul/13951,wan-dale-nie-znaja-zadnej-swietosci-swiezo-odnowiona-kapliczka-zdewastowana	Unknown perpetrators destroyed the chapel of St. John on the border between Suchodół and Jeżewice. The case has been reported to the police. Wax from a candle was poured onto the renovated facade, debris was thrown at it, and the information sign about the renovation was torn off and destroyed.	The chapel was dedicated to of the Catholic saints. It is an important place of worship of God for the local community.	Before the act of vandalism, the shrine had been renovated by the local Rural Women's Association. The vandalism caused sadness among the local community.
52	July 2, 2025	Wadowice, Poland	From the media. Source: https://wadowice24.pl/wydarzenia/demolka-na-cmentarzu-parafialnym-w-wadowicach-pijani-niszczyl-co-popadlo	On Wednesday, July 2, police received a report that a group of people had vandalized the parish cemetery in Wadowice. A drunk man was found at the scene and identified, although there is no evidence that he was responsible for the vandalism. The perpetrators destroyed grave candles and flowers and left behind empty alcohol bottles.	Grave candles and flowers symbolize remembrance of the dead, which is extremely important to Catholics. The perpetrators vandalized a Catholic cemetery.	Concerned residents of Wadowice reported the incident.
53	Before July 11, 2025	Częstochowa, Poland	From the media. Source: https://czestochowa.nasze-miasto.pl/skandal-pod-jasnagora-zdewastowano-najwiekszy-na-swiecie-pomnik-papieża-zobacz-zdjecia-tatuaz-na-policzku-jak-u-mikea-tysona/ar/c1p2-27765821	The world's tallest (14-meter) statue of Pope John Paul II in the Park of Sacred Miniatures in Częstochowa has been defaced—someone drew on the face of the statue, what looked like the tattoo on Mike Tyson's face.	The perpetrator vandalized a monument commemorating a saint of the Catholic Church - the Polish Pope	The initiative to build the world's largest statue of John Paul II came from businessman Leszek Tysoń. The statue was erected as a token of gratitude to the Holy Father, whom the businessman believed had watched over him as he rescued his drowning son during a vacation in Croatia. The statue, standing 13.8 meters tall and weighing 7 tons, was created at a facility in Nowa Sól, then transported in sections and assembled on site.

54	Around July 12-13, 2025.	Czersk, Poland	From the media. Source: https://chojnice.naszemiasto.pl/nieletni-mieszkaniec-gminy-chojnice-okradil-kosciol-w-gminie-czersk-zabral-pieniadze-ze-skarbonek/ar/c1p2-27782541	<p>A 16-year-old boy stole money from two church collection boxes in the municipality of Czersk. He got inside the church and broke into two collection boxes, stealing the money inside.</p> <p>After the case was reported to the police, officers began searching for the perpetrator. He turned out to be a 16-year-old from the municipality of Chojnice. The minor admitted his guilt.</p>	Catholic parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds is a threat to the functioning of the parish.	Due to the perpetrator's age, the case was referred to a family court.
55	July 13, 2025	Pyskowice, Poland	From the media. Source: https://dziennikzachodni.pl/wandale-zniszczyli-obejscie-parafii-ewangelickiej-w-pyskowicach-wczesniej-urzadzili-sobie-tam-impresje-proboszcz-mega-slabe-i-zalosne/ar/c1p2-27779281	<p>Before Sunday morning service, unknown perpetrators held an alcohol-fueled party on the grounds of the Evangelical-Augsburg Parish in Pyskowice. The perpetrators left behind empty alcohol bottles, tore down a gutter, vandalized a wall, and wrote graffiti on the door leading to the bell tower. The incident was reported to the police.</p>	The perpetrators vandalized the grounds of a Christian parish.	The priest administering the parish reported that alcohol consumption had taken place on parish grounds in the past. However, the perpetrators had previously only left trash behind.
56	July 20, 2025	Olsztyn, Poland	From the media. Source: https://tko.pl/296634,2025,07,24,skandal-w-kosciele-w-olsztynie-to-co-robil-tenczlowiek-nie-miesci-sie-w-glowie	<p>On Sunday afternoon, a 35-year-old man broke into one of the churches in Olsztyn. He behaved aggressively and disturbed the peace. The perpetrator climbed onto the altar, spat on the flowers, damaged the liturgical decorations, and damaged a historic wooden cross.</p> <p>The police detained the perpetrator. Criminal proceedings have been initiated.</p>	<p>The perpetrator desecrated a Christian temple and an object of religious worship, namely the cross.</p> <p>It is worth noting that the cross, as an object of particular historical value, is a historical monument.</p>	The perpetrator's behavior caused a huge commotion among the faithful.
57	July 25, 2025	Zawiercie, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.slazag.pl/zniszczono-krzyze-w-diecezji-sosnowieckiej-policja-szuka-sprawcow	<p>On Friday, July 25, 2025, police officers from Zawiercie received reports of the destruction of a metal cross located on Skala Rzędowa in Bzów, a district of Zawiercie. Its upper arm was cut off and the cross itself was painted pink.</p>	The destroyed cross is one of the most important symbols of Christianity. It symbolizes the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.	
58	On the night of July 26-27, 2025	Parish of Ogrodzieniec, Podzamcze, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.radioplus.pl/kosciol/diecezja-sosnowiecka-zniszczony-krzyz-w-ogrodziencu-policja-wyjasnia-sprawe-aa-GQds-Bzh3-vDJ9.html	<p>On the night of July 26-27, 2025 (from Saturday to Sunday), a cross located in Podzamcze, in the parish of Ogrodzieniec, was vandalized. The wooden crucifix was broken and the figure of Christ on it was destroyed.</p>	The destroyed cross is one of the most important symbols of Christianity. It symbolizes the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.	The police are searching for the perpetrators. The diocesan curia in Sosnowiec is cooperating with law enforcement authorities to clarify the circumstances of this incident. The Bishop of Sosnowiec and the Parish of the Transfiguration in Ogrodzieniec encourage the faithful to participate in a penitential service, which took place on Friday, August 1, 2025, in Ogrodzieniec.

59	Before August 17, 2025	Guzów, Poland	From the parish website in Guzów. Source: https://www.facebook.com/100024476962532/posts/og%28C5%82oszenia-parafialne-17-sierpnia-2025-rokux-niedziela-zwyk%28C5%82a-1-trwaj%28C4%85-wakacje-1676980719794477/	During Sunday announcements at St. Felix de Valois Parish in Guzów, information was provided about the destruction of a chapel in Guzów in the village of Parceli. The matter was reported to the police as an act of vandalism and desecration of a place of worship.	The perpetrator desecrated and destroyed a religious object. Such acts are offensive to God, destructive to the faithful community and require acts of reparation. As part of their reparation to God for the desecration, the faithful sang a supplication after Holy Mass. In addition, at 3:00 p.m., the faithful recited the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.	
60	August 17, 2025	Płock, Poland	From the media. Source: https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/okradl-kosciol-dzieki-pomocy-parafian-udalo-sie-go-zlapac-7192256206183008a	On Sunday, August 17, a 47-year-old man broke into two donation boxes located in one of the parishes in Płock. Based on recordings provided by the police, parishioners helped identify the perpetrator. The man was arrested and confessed to the crime.	Christian parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds is a threat to the functioning of the parish.	The perpetrator had already been convicted of similar crimes.
61	At the end of August, 2025	Łąkociny, Ostrów County, Poland	From the official announcement by Police. Source: https://wielkopolska.policja.gov.pl/wik/aktualnosci/268217%2COstrow-Wlkp-55-latek-uszkodzil-kapliczke-i-grozil-mieszkancom-decyzja-sadu-traffic.html	At the end of August, a 55-year-old man destroyed a shrine in Łąkociny (Ostrów County). The perpetrator broke the glass, damaged a ceramic figurine inside, and desecrated the religious object. The damage was estimated at nearly PLN 2,000. The 55-year-old man was arrested and placed in police custody. The evidence gathered allowed the Police to charge him with making criminal threats, damaging property, and insulting an object of religious worship. Two days after the incident, at the request of the prosecutor's office, the District Court in Ostrów Wielkopolski applied a preventive measure in the form of temporary arrest for a period of three months.	The perpetrator deliberately destroyed a religious site that is important to Catholics.	On the same day, the man appeared at a store in Łąkociny, where he was aggressive, intoxicated, and threatened to kill several people, including his neighbor.
62	September 5, 2024	Oleśno, Poland	From the media. Source: https://stacja7.pl/z-kraju/okradli-plebanie-podczas-mszy-sw-zniknely-pieniadze-na-intencje-miszalne-i-misje	During evening Mass at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Olesno, on the first Friday of the month, while priests were serving in the church (among other things, to hear confessions), a perpetrator broke into the rectory and stole a large sum of money. The police are investigating the matter.	The case caused a stir among the faithful and clergy of the parish. The parish priest, Fr. Jan Panek, said during parish announcements that he remembered a situation when another priest was robbed and beaten, resulting in his death. He publicly shared his and another clergyman's doubts about whether to resign from parish ministry due to exposure to hatred.	The perpetrator stole money from Mass intentions from the funeral that took place on the day of the theft, as well as from another funeral. Offerings for the mission and for Gregorian Mass intentions for 2026 were also stolen.
63	September 12, 2025	Mieścisko, Poland	From the media. Source: https://opoka.org.pl/News/Polska/2025/przerwana-liturgia-polamany-krzyz-zbeczczony-oltarz-prymas	During Friday Mass at the church in Mieścisko, a 47-year-old half-naked man approached the presbytery and began to disrupt the service. He insulted the priest and threatened to beat him up. He also destroyed a crucifix and used it to knock liturgical vessels off the altar. The priest celebrating Mass was helpless. It was only after a few minutes that several men brought in by the vicar ran up to the aggressor. The 47-year-old was restrained and handed over to the police.	The perpetrator insulted the priest celebrating Holy Mass, which is the center of the Catholic faith as a bloodless renewal of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross.	The event received widespread coverage in the national media and caused a stir among Catholics throughout Poland. The Primate of Poland, Archbishop Wojciech Polak, appealed for prayers for the perpetrator.

64	On the night of September 12-13, 2025	Legnica, Poland	From the media. Source: https://wpolityce.pl/kosciol/740532-zniszczono-krzyz-greckokatolickiej-cerkwi-w-legnicy	On the night of September 12-13, unknown perpetrators climbed onto the roof of the Greek Catholic parish church of the Dormition of the Mother of God in Legnica and destroyed the cross crowning the central dome. Law enforcement authorities are conducting a criminal investigation into the matter.	The desecration of the cross, a symbol of the Christian faith, took place on the eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.	The incident caused a huge stir among the faithful throughout Poland. A service of atonement was held to make up for the desecration.
65	On the night of October 3 to 4, 2025	Sanok, Poland	From the media. Source: https://radio.rzeszow.pl/252569/mieszkaniec-powiatu-sanockiego-zatrzymany-pozniszczeniu-elewacji-kosciola/	During the night from Friday to Saturday, someone painted offensive graffiti on the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Sanok. The vandal wrote on the cross and the wall of the church (the perpetrator wrote "mafia organization" in red paint). The damage was estimated at several thousand zlotys.	The perpetrator vandalized the cross and the temple. It is significant that this happened at night during the 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the temple.	The police have arrested a man suspected of vandalism. The case is ongoing.
66	On the night of October 11-12, 2025	Głogów, Poland	From the police statement. Source: https://dolnoslaska.policja.gov.pl/wr1/aktualnosci/biezace-inf/157383,Policjanci-z-Glogowa-zatrzymali-sprawce-kradziezy-z-kosciola.html	On Sunday, October 12, the police in Głogów received a report of a break-in at one of the churches in the Głogów district. The police quickly identified the perpetrator. He turned out to be a 17-year-old man who stole, among other things, speakers, a suitcase, and liturgical vessels from the unlocked church. He then sold some of the items at a local pawn shop. The total loss was estimated at approximately PLN 8,000. The stolen property was recovered. Criminal proceedings are pending in this case.	Among other things, the perpetrator stole liturgical vessels used in the Catholic Church to celebrate the Eucharist.	At the request of the police, the prosecutor imposed a preventive measure on the perpetrator in the form of police supervision.
67	around October 15, 2025	Lublin, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.lublin112.pl/lublin-policjanci-zatrzymali-sprawcow-podpalenia-kapliczki-straty-siegaja-70-tysiecy-zlotych/	In mid-October, at the Holy Family Sanctuary in Lublin on Jana Pawła II Street, two men aged 54 and 44 doused sculptures in a chapel depicting the Last Supper with gasoline and then set them on fire. As a result of the fire, the building was almost completely destroyed, and the losses were estimated at around PLN 70,000.	The sculptures depict figures central to Catholicism. The chapel also depicted one of the key moments described in the Gospel—the Last Supper. The fact that the perpetrators deliberately destroyed the sculptures indicates towards a hate incident.	Both men were charged with destruction of property. The prosecutor's office imposed a preventive measure in the form of police supervision on them.
68	On the night of October 18-19, 2025	Wólka Wybraniecka, Poland	From the Fidei Defensor. Source: https://fideidefensor.pl/2025/11/05/podwojny-cios-w-serce-wiary-satanistyczna-profanacja-kapliczki-i-wlamanie-na-plebanie-w-pustelniku/	A perpetrator vandalized a chapel in Wólka Wybraniecka. He broke down the door, destroyed a statue of the Virgin Mary, and wrote blasphemous satanic inscriptions and upside-down crosses on the walls.	The desecration is clearly a satanic hate driven crime. The perpetrator vandalized a religious site and destroyed a statue of the Virgin Mary, who is the mother of Jesus Christ.	The mayor of Stanisławów, Ms. Kinga Sosińska, as a public figure, condemned this act of Christian hatred and offered her support in the renovation.

69	On the night of October 19-20, 2025	Hanulin, Poland	<p>From the social media. Source: https://www.facebook.com/DariuszMateckiFanPage/posts/w-nocy-z-19-na-20-pa%C5%BAdziernika-w-hanulinie-dosz%C5%82o-dobulwersuj%C4%85cego-ataku-na-ko%C5%9B/1413828470205744</p>	<p>An unknown perpetrator attempted to set fire to the Church of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Hanulin. On the night of October 19-20, the perpetrator threw a Molotov cocktail into the church. Fortunately, however, the burning cloth fell out of the bottle, saving the temple from burning down.</p>	<p>The perpetrator attempted to destroy the church by setting it on fire. This would have caused enormous damage. The whole situation threatened the safety of the congregation and potentially endangered their health and lives.</p>	<p>Tygodnik Kępiński also wrote about the case: http://www.tygodnikkepinski.pl/hanulin-proba-podpalenia-kosciola/</p>
70	On the night of October 24 to 25, 2025	Krajno Drugie, Poland	<p>From the Fidei Defensor. Source: https://fideidefensor.pl/2025/10/25/zniszczenie-kapliczki-to-juz-drugi-podobny-przypadek-w-okolicy/</p>	<p>On the night of October 24-25, the driver of a BMW car crashed into a roadside shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Częstochowa in the village of Krajno Drugie. Instead of stopping, the perpetrator fled the scene and left the shrine destroyed.</p>	<p>The chapel was a place of religious practice and was particularly cherished by the local community. In 2015, it underwent a thorough renovation.</p> <p>Its destruction is the devastation of a religious site.</p>	<p>The perpetrator demolished the side of the shrine, tearing off a corner—the wooden boards are torn and bent. The door has been completely destroyed.</p>
71	October 28, 2025	Pustelnik, Poland	<p>From the media. Source: https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/warszawa/trwala-msza-swieta-ksiadz-ujawnia-co-sie-wtedy-dzialo-na-plebanii/vydz3me</p>	<p>On Sunday, October 28, while the parish priest of St. Catherine of Alexandria in Pustelnik was celebrating evening Mass and leading the rosary prayer, thieves ransacked the rectory. According to the parish priest, money from memorial services, intentions from the past month, central fees from recent months, several collection plates, money from collections for missions and for the renovation of a devastated chapel in Wólka Wybraniecka were stolen. Criminal proceedings are underway to recover the property and punish the perpetrators.</p>	<p>An unknown perpetrator stole a significant amount of money, which poses a threat to the functioning of the parish. Catholic parishes are supported by donations from the faithful.</p> <p>In addition, part of the stolen money was intended for the repair of a chapel damaged by vandals.</p>	<p>The theft caused a stir among the local community. A week and a half before the theft, a nearby chapel was vandalized, and a statue of the Virgin Mary, among other things, was destroyed.</p>
72	November 1, 2025	Sadki, Poland	<p>From the media. Source: https://kurier-nakielski.pl/sadki-trzej-sprawcy-wlamania-dokosciola-zatrzymani</p>	<p>On Saturday, November 1, police officers in Sadki received a report of a break-in at one of the churches in the municipality. The police determined that there had been a break-in at the church and that the perpetrators had cut open a metal collection box and stolen money. The police identified three men and arrested them. All of the men were charged with burglary.</p>	<p>Christian parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of funds poses a threat to the functioning of parishes.</p>	<p>In the course of the proceedings, almost PLN 7,000 was recovered for the parish.</p>
73	November 3, 2025	Nowy Tomysl, Poland	<p>From the media. Source: https://nowytomysl.naszemiasto.pl/43-latek-zniewazyli-swiatynie-zalatwil-potrzeby-fizjologiczne-w-konfesjonale-uslyszal-zarzuty/ar/c1p2-28149713</p>	<p>At around 1:00 p.m., on the grounds of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Fryderyka Chopina Square, a 43-year-old man under the influence of alcohol entered the church and relieved himself in the confessional and on the floor of the corridor leading from the rear entrance to the church.</p> <p>Officers detained the man in the city and then took him to the police station. The man was charged with offending religious feelings.</p>	<p>The perpetrator's behavior violated the sanctity of the temple as a sacred place. The parish priest did not hide his sadness and disappointment at the whole incident.</p>	<p>The perpetrator had been receiving assistance from the parish for many years. The parish priest mentioned, among other things, hot meals, clothing, and conversation as forms of assistance.</p>

74	November 5, 2025	Międzybrodzie Żywieckie, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.niedziela.pl/artykul/118471/Slaskie-Mezczyzna-podcial-u-podstawy-kilkumetrowy-drewniany-krzyz-zostal	A 47-year-old man cut down a wooden cross several meters tall that stood at a lookout point in Międzybrodzie Żywieckie. He was arrested by the police and admitted his guilt.	The cross, which is the most important symbol of Christianity, has been destroyed.	The man was charged with offending religious feelings and property damage.
75	November 10, 2025	Wysoka, Poland	From the media. Source: https://codziennypoznan.pl/artykul/2025-11-10/zlodzieje-skarbony-z-kosciola-w-rekach-policji-jednemu-z-nich-grozi-15-lat-w-wiezieniu	Two residents of Wysoka, aged 23 and 24, took a container with donations from the parish church. Away from the temple, they broke open the wooden structure and stole the money, but thanks to CCTV footage and information from residents, the police arrested them a few hours later.	Christian parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds poses a threat to the functioning of the parish and undermines the sense of security of the faithful.	The perpetrators were charged with burglary. The older of the two had previous convictions, so he will be prosecuted as a repeat offender.
76	No later than November 18	Ostrołęka, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.eostroleka.pl/uchwala-kradziez-w-kosciele-w-ostrolece-recydywista-wlamal-sie-do-skarbonki-z-datkami,art123554.html	A 36-year-old man broke into a church collection box in Ostrołęka. The thief broke the lock on the box, took the cash inside, and fled. He stole as much as PLN 4,000. The case was reported to the police. Officers identified the perpetrator.	Christian parishes are supported by donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds threatens the functioning of the parish and undermines the sense of security of the faithful.	The man pleaded guilty. The perpetrator had previously been convicted of similar crimes.
77	November 18, 2025	Nowy Secymin, Poland	From the Fidei Defensor. Source: https://fideidefensor.pl/2025/11/21/bezczelna-celebrytka-sprofanowala-sacrum/	Luna, a 26-year-old singer from Warsaw, posted a video on social media showing her spinning around in a temple, dancing in front of the central element of the altar—a painting of the Merciful Jesus. As the artist began to spin, a tear in her clothing revealed her bare buttocks. The background music for the recording includes the phrase “Tell Jesus the bitch is back.”	This act is deliberate desecration of the place of worship and a highly offensive to God and the faithful. The desecration caused outrage throughout Poland. In response to the desecration, the Archdiocese of Warsaw issued a statement criticizing the incident and announcing that a Holy Mass would be held to atone for the insult to the place of worship.	About 36 hours after publication—at 2:00 a.m. on November 20—Luna removed the material from her profile. In an official statement on Instagram, she said: “My art is meant to provoke thought, not hurt. I apologize to those I have offended—that was not my intention.”
78	November 19, 2025	Konin, Poland	From the Center for Monitoring Christianophobia Fidei Defensor. Source: https://fideidefensor.pl/2025/12/02/w-koninie-recydywisci-ukradli-w-kosciele-puszke-z-datkami/	Police officers from the Municipal Police Headquarters in Konin arrested a 34-year-old woman and a 45-year-old man suspected of stealing a collection box with donations from the faithful. The incident took place on November 19 in the adoration chapel at the parish of Our Lady Queen of Poland in Konin.	Investigators have determined that the couple entered the chapel and took a box containing approximately 1,000 zlotys donated by parishioners. Christian churches are largely supported by donations from the faithful.	According to Assistant Inspector Sylwia Król, spokesperson for the Konin police, both detainees are well known to officers from previous criminal proceedings. The woman has a history of other crimes, while the man has been repeatedly convicted of theft and burglary.

79	On the night of November 19-20, 2025	Elk, Poland	From the Fidei Defensor. Source: https://fideidefensor.pl/2025/12/08/atak-na-kosciol-ewangelicki/	An unknown perpetrator or perpetrators damaged the door of the rectory at the Evangelical Methodist Church on Słowackiego Street. The perpetrator removed a gate from the fence and used it to break down the door leading to the church and the private rooms of the rectory, where the pastor lives with his family.	Pastor Dariusz Zuber, guardian of the Miłości Bożej parish, described the moment he discovered the damage: "It wasn't a random act of vandalism, because the perpetrator didn't destroy everything in his path. He came and destroyed the side door to our church, which also leads to the rectory. I live here with my family and I was simply afraid. I don't understand this situation," he admitted in an interview with the media.	The Elk police immediately took up the case. According to a spokesperson for the Elk County Police Headquarters, officers secured CCTV footage and are gathering evidence to establish the identity of those responsible. The value of the material losses has been estimated at around PLN 2,000.
80	November 23, 2025	Tuchów, Lesser Poland Province, Poland	From the Center for Monitoring Christianophobia Fidei Defensor. Source: https://fideidefensor.pl/2025/12/08/wlamanie-z-uzyciem-gazu-na-plebanie-w-tuchowie-ksieza-zaskoczyli-zlodziei-w-piwnicy/	On Sunday, November 23, 2025, at around 6:00 p.m., two masked men broke into the utility rooms of the rectory of St. James the Greater Parish in Tuchów, probably hoping that the rectory would be empty during the evening Mass. However, they were surprised by one of the clergymen living there. When the priests entered the boiler room and began asking the men what they were doing there, a violent confrontation ensued. One of the priests reached for his phone to call the police. In response, one of the perpetrators immediately sprayed pepper spray. Both clergymen lost their sight for a moment and began to choke, allowing the attackers to escape.	The case has caused considerable emotion among the local community. Many parishioners have expressed outrage and concern that the thieves did not hesitate to use gas against the clergyman.	The police from the Municipal Police Headquarters in Tarnów are investigating an attempted burglary. So far, it has not been determined whether the thieves managed to take anything—everything indicates that they were scared off before they had a chance to search the building.
81	No later than November 25, 2025	Witonia, Poland	From the media. Source: https://leczyca.naszemiasto.pl/skandal-w-gminie-witonia-meczyni-oblali-kapliczki-farba-padly-tez-wulgaryzmy/ar/c1p2-28207365#google_vignette	In November 2025, police officers in Łeczyca received a report from a witness about the vandalism of a shrine in the municipality of Witonia. It turned out that two men aged 34 and 35 were responsible for the vandalism of several roadside shrines. The perpetrators placed vulgar inscriptions on one statue of the Virgin Mary and painted another with black paint. On another, offensive drawings were painted on the cross.	The perpetrators desecrated places of worship where numerous religious practices take place.	The perpetrators were charged with defacing property intended for public religious ceremonies.
82	December 12, 2025	Wągrowo, Poland	From the media. Source: https://gloswielkopolski.pl/skradzione-koscielne-dewocjonalia-zaniosl-na-zlom-34-latek-odpowie-za-kradziez-w-wagrowieckiej-farze/ar/c1p2-28269569	On Friday, December 12, the criminal division of the Wągrowiec police station received a report concerning the theft of devotional items from the side altar of the Church of St. James the Apostle, commonly known as the parish church. As it turned out, a resident of Wągrowiec took crosses, candlesticks, and candlesticks from the side altars of the temple. The 34-year-old took the stolen devotional items to a scrap metal collection point.	The stolen items are used for celebrating Mass. The perpetrator took advantage of the fact that the temple is open to residents and tourists at all times.	The man accused of theft was arrested by the police a few hours after the report was filed.
83	December 15, 2025	Kielno, Poland	From the Ordo Iuris Institute. Source: https://ordoiuris.pl/informacje-prasowe/konflikt-wokol-krzyza-w-szkole-w-kielnie-ustalenia-pelnomocnikow-rodzin-pokrzywdzonych/	On December 15, during an English class at the Primary School in Kielno, a teacher noticed the presence of a cross that had been hung back on the wall. She instructed one of the students to remove it, and when he refused, she removed it herself and threw it into the trash can, making a vulgar comment about the cross. After throwing the cross into the trash can, the teacher shook her hands with obvious disgust and revulsion.	The incident consists of what appears to be a willful desecration of the symbol of faith with the intent to offend the faithful students. The case sparked outrage among students and their parents, as well as public opinion across Poland. Criminal proceedings were initiated for offending religious feelings.	The parents of the minors are represented by lawyers from the Ordo Iuris Institute. They participated, among other things, in the questioning of the students.

84	No later than December 16, 2025	Darlowo, Poland	From the media. Source: https://slawno.naszemiasto.pl/kradziez-puszki-z-datkami-z-kosciola-w-darlowie-kryminalni-zatrzymali-43-latka/ar/c1p2-28272731	An unknown perpetrator entered the grounds of a church in Darlowo and stole a box of money. After receiving a report, police began searching for the perpetrator. He turned out to be a 43-year-old man. He was arrested and confessed to the crime.	Christian parishes rely largely on donations from the faithful. The theft of these funds poses a threat to the parish's functioning and undermines the faithful's sense of security.	There was about 1000 PLN in the box of money.
85	December 19, 2025	Jakubowice Murowane, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.lublin112.pl/w-gminie-wolka-zdewastowano-kapliczki-wyrwane-zostaly-krzyze-rozbite-figury-swietych	In Jakubowice Murowane, in the municipality of Wólka, shrines located along national road No. 82 between Lublin and Łęczna, as well as along the local road leading to Pliszczyn, were vandalized. In four shrines, crosses were torn down, statues of saints were smashed, and windows were broken. The matter was reported to the police.	The incident caused an uproar among the local community, as a religious building was destroyed, as well as the most important symbol of Christianity - the cross, and statues of Catholic saints. Clergy from the Holy Trinity Parish in Wólka addressed the incident during Sunday services, apologizing to God for the public desecration of religious objects and stating that they were praying for the perpetrator to come to his senses and repent.	The perpetrator turned out to be a 26-year-old man. The vandalism took place while Holy Mass was being celebrated in the church.
86	On the night of December 20-21, 2025	Bolesławiec, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.onet.pl/informacje/onetwroclaw/lalka-z-szopki-zawisla-na-sznurze-uczucia-religijne-nie-zostaly-obrazone/ggx8bc8,79cfc278	Unknown perpetrators wearing hoods hanged an effigy of the Baby Jesus, which was located in a manger in a Christmas nativity scene in Bolesławiec. The hanged doll of the Baby Jesus was noticed by a man passing by, who notified law enforcement authorities. An investigation into the offense of religious sentiment was launched. However, it was discontinued by the prosecutor's office on December 31, among other reasons because, according to the prosecutor, "it was only a doll imitating the baby Jesus." This seems to be a blatant disregard for the Christian customs and celebrations and in general their faith.	By their actions, the perpetrators insulted Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who redeemed all of humanity with his sacrifice on the cross, as well as all Christians who celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The insult took place just a few days before Christmas.	The police are handling this case and are investigating it as an offense of "indecent behavior" under Article 140 of the Code of Misdemeanors.
87	December 23, 2025	Otwock, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.przeglادتwocki.pl/arttykul/4514,chuigan-roztrzaskal-figure-matki-bozej-policja-poszukuje-sprawcy	The day before Christmas Eve, a young man approached the shrine of the Virgin Mary in Otwock, at the intersection of Warszawska and Dłuskiego Streets, and vandalized it. The perpetrator removed the statue of Mary and smashed it.	The damaged shrine had stood at the intersection for years and had personal significance for its owner. It is located next to Piotr Pańca's company, who, for personal reasons, brought a consecrated statue of the Virgin Mary from Jasna Góra and placed it in the shrine next to his company. The owner did not hide his outrage and reported the vandalism to the police.	This was not the first time the shrine had been vandalized. In October 2020, at around 7 p.m., a masked perpetrator approached it from the side of a tree to avoid cameras and destroyed the statue of the Virgin Mary with a stick. Mr. Piotr expressed his outrage and announced that the shrine would be rebuilt.
88	December 29, 2025	Sopot, Poland	From the media. Source: https://www.trojmiasto.pl/wiadomosci/Ukradli-z-szopki-cenna-figurke-Jezusa-Szuka-ich-policja-n212800.html	On the night of December 29, a statue of Jesus was stolen from a Christmas nativity scene in front of St. George's Church in Sopot. The police published images of the thieves and asked for help in finding them.	The perpetrators stole a figurine of Jesus Christ. The purpose of displaying Christmas nativity scenes is to remind us that Jesus is the most important part of Christmas.	The perpetrators returned the statue of Jesus Christ. The same statue was also stolen in 2023.